

imminent threats of death or great bodily harm would apply to someone who is at risk of committing suicide; **Pages H2256–57**

Van Drew amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–14) that clarifies that the exception for gifts and loans of firearms between parents and their children applies to step-parents and step-children; and **Pages H2258–59**

Kendra Horn (OK) amendment (No. 3 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–14) that clarifies that “great bodily harm” includes domestic violence, dating partner violence, sexual assault, stalking, and domestic abuse (by a recorded vote of 310 ayes to 119 noes, Roll No. 97). **Pages H2257–58, H2260**

Rejected:

Lesko amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–14) that sought to allow the transfer of firearms to individuals who participate in the TSA Pre-Check program of the Department of Homeland Security (by a recorded vote of 182 ayes to 250 noes, Roll No. 96). **Pages H2254–56, H2259**

H. Res. 145, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8) and (H.R. 1112) was agreed to yesterday, February 26th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, February 28th. **Page H2263**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2259, H2260, H2262, and H2263. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Committee Meetings

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a business meeting on the Budget Views and Estimates Letter of the Committee on Agriculture for the Agencies and Programs under the Jurisdiction of the Committee for Fiscal Year 2020. The Committee adopted its Budget Views and Estimates letter for 2020.

THE STATE OF THE RURAL ECONOMY

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The State of the Rural Economy”. Testimony was heard from Sonny Perdue, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

ELECTION SECURITY: ENSURING THE INTEGRITY OF U.S. ELECTION SYSTEMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled “Election Security: Ensuring the Integrity of

U.S. Election Systems”. Testimony was heard from Steven Sandvoss, Executive Director, Illinois State Board of Elections; and public witnesses.

REVIEWING THE ADMINISTRATION’S UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN PROGRAM: STATE-SANCTIONED CHILD ABUSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Reviewing the Administration’s Unaccompanied Children Program: State-Sanctioned Child Abuse”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Government Accountability Office. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

THE PRESIDENT’S 2019 NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION CIRCUMVENTING CONGRESS TO BUILD A BORDER WALL AND ITS EFFECT ON MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND READINESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “The President’s 2019 National Emergency Declaration Circumventing Congress to Build a Border Wall and Its Effect on Military Construction and Readiness”. Testimony was heard from Phyllis L. Bayer, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations and Environment; Alex A. Beehler, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations, Energy and Environment; John W. Henderson, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, Installations, Environment and Energy; Robert H. McMahon, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment, Department of Defense; and Robert G. Salesses, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense Integration and Defense Support of Civil Authorities, Department of Defense.

OVERSIGHT OF U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID), PROGRAMS AND POLICIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs held a hearing entitled “Oversight of U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Programs and Policies”. Testimony was heard from Mark Green, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES: FAIR HOUSING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Stakeholder Perspectives: Fair Housing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Government Publishing Office. Testimony was heard from Herbert H. Jackson, Jr., Acting Deputy Director, Government Publishing Office.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held an oversight hearing on the Food and Drug Administration. Testimony was heard from Scott Gottlieb, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration.

TRANSGENDER SERVICE POLICY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing entitled “Transgender Service Policy”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant Commander Blake Dremann, U.S. Navy; Captain Alivia Stehlik, U.S. Army, Captain Jennifer Peace, U.S. Army; Staff Sergeant Patricia King, U.S. Army; HM3 Akira Wyatt, U.S. Navy; James N. Stewart, Performing the Duties of Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense; Admiral Raquel C. Bono, Director, Defense Health Agency; and a public witness.

2017 TAX LAW: IMPACT ON THE BUDGET AND AMERICAN FAMILIES

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “2017 Tax Law: Impact on the Budget and American Families”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLASSROOMS IN CRISIS: EXAMINING THE INAPPROPRIATE USE OF SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT PRACTICES

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Classrooms in Crisis: Examining the Inappropriate Use of Seclusion and Restraint Practices”. Testimony was heard from Jacqueline Nowicki, Director of Education Workforce and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Allison Sutton, Special Education Teacher, Wichita Public Schools; and public witnesses.

CARING FOR OUR CAREGIVERS: PROTECTING HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS FROM WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Caring for Our Caregivers: Protecting Health Care and Social Service Workers from Workplace Violence”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONFRONTING A GROWING PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT: MEASLES OUTBREAKS IN THE U.S.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Confronting a Growing Public Health Threat: Measles Outbreaks in the U.S.”. Testimony was heard from Nancy Messonnier, M.D., Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Anthony Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health.

CLEAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE WORKFORCE TO BUILD IT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “Clean Energy Infrastructure and the Workforce to Build It”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Committee on Ethics: Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress.

MONETARY POLICY AND THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Monetary Policy and the State of the Economy”. Testimony was heard from Jerome H. Powell, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

AN OVERVIEW OF DIVERSITY TRENDS IN THE FINANCIAL SERVICES INDUSTRY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Diversity and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “An Overview of Diversity Trends in the Financial Services Industry”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Garcia-Diaz, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S FOREIGN POLICY: A MID-TERM ASSESSMENT

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Trump Administration's Foreign Policy: A Mid-Term Assessment". Testimony was heard from a public witness.

AMERICA'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP: WHY DIPLOMACY AND DEVELOPMENT MATTER

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "America's Global Leadership: Why Diplomacy and Development Matter". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SECURING OUT NATION'S CHEMICAL FACILITIES: BUILDING ON THE PROGRESS OF THE CFATS PROGRAM

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing on "Securing out Nation's Chemical Facilities: Building on the Progress of the CFATS Program". Testimony was heard from David Wulf, Director, Infrastructure Security Compliance Division, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and Nathan Anderson, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 560, the "Northern Mariana Islands Residents Relief Act". Testimony was heard from Nickolao Pula, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; Lou Leon Guerrero, Governor, Guam; David B. Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Ralph DLG Torres, Governor, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and a public witness.

HEARING WITH MICHAEL COHEN, FORMER ATTORNEY TO PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Hearing with Michael Cohen, Former Attorney to President Donald Trump". Testimony was heard from a public witness.

SEA CHANGE: IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON OUR OCEANS AND COASTS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled "Sea Change: Impacts of Climate Change on Our Oceans and Coasts". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SUPPORTING AMERICA'S STARTUPS: REVIEW OF SBA ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Supporting America's Startups: Review of SBA Entrepreneurial Development Programs". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a business meeting on Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and markup on H. Con. Res. 16, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; H. Con. Res. 19, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; H.R. 1318, to direct the Library of Congress to obtain a stain glassed panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building; and H.R. 639, to amend section 327 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to clarify that National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces may include Federal employees. The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Views and Estimates of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure were adopted, without amendment. H. Con. Res. 16, H. Con. Res. 19, H.R. 639, H.R. 1318, were ordered reported, without amendment.

VA 2030: A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF VA

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "VA 2030: A Vision for the Future of VA". Testimony was heard from Robert Wilkie, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

U.S.-CHINA TRADE

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "U.S.-China Trade". Testimony was heard from Robert E. Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative.

Joint Meetings**LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Committee

on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of The American Legion, after receiving testimony from Brett P. Reistad, Joseph Sharpe, Vincent Troiola, Matthew Shuman, Chanin Nuntavong, Ralph Bozella, and Randall Fisher, all of The American Legion, Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine implementing the Agriculture Improvement Act, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine addressing the opioid epidemic in America, focusing on prevention, treatment, and recovery at the state and local level, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine nuclear policy and posture, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine legislative proposals on capital formation and corporate governance, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine prospects for global energy markets, focusing on the role of the United States and perspectives from the International Energy Agency, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine China's impact on the United States education system, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Neomi J. Rao, to be United States

Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, Joseph F. Bianco, of New York, and Michael H. Park, of New York, both to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Greg Girard Guidry, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Michael T. Liburdi, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Peter D. Welte, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, Aditya Bamzai, of Virginia, and Travis LeBlanc, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, and Drew H. Wrigley, to be United States Attorney for the District of North Dakota, Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Female Veterans Access to VA", 10 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, hearing entitled "We'll Always Have Paris: Filling the Leadership Void Caused by Federal Inaction on Climate Change", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing entitled "The National Emergencies Act of 1976", 12 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations, hearing entitled "Effects of Vacancies at the Merit Systems Protection Board", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.